

(c) REMARKS

The claims are 1-5 and 11-35 with claims 1-5 and 21-30 being independent. Claims 31-35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 5, 25, 29 and 30 have been amended to resolve informalities unrelated to patentability.

Claims 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30 were deemed objectionable owing to the presence of a redundant term "one" in claims 5, 25 and 30. That term has been deleted and, accordingly, the objection has been rendered moot.

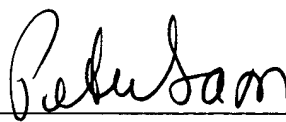
Claims 31-35 were rejected over the art cited in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 31-35 have been cancelled. This cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and is done without conceding the propriety of the rejections, but rather, to obtain early allowance and expedite issue. It is Applicants' current intention to file a division directed to the subject matter of claims 31-35.

Claims 1-4, 11-14, 16-19, 21-24 and 26-29 were allowed in the outstanding action. Accordingly, this Amendment should be entered, since it prima facie places the case in condition for allowance. Should any issue be deemed unresolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to expedite issue.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is solicited as well as passage to issue of the application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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